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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Takeo SEINO
MAINTENANCE CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS USING
THE SAME
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q65302

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty-two (22) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and eight (8) sheets of drawings. **The U.S. requisite Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**


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| Total claims | <u>24</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>4</u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>\$72.00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>5</u> | - | 3 | = | <u>2</u> | x | \$80.00 | = | <u>\$160.00</u> |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$710.00</u> |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$270.00</u> |
| TOTAL FEE | | | | | | | | | <u>\$1212.00</u> |

Priority is claimed from June 30, 2000, and June 19, 2001, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-198671, and 2000-184544 respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, July 2, 2001, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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